

**PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS SECTION MEETING  
EXAMINING BOARD OF ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS,  
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, DESIGNERS AND LAND SURVEYORS  
MADISON WI  
MINUTES  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2003**

**PRESENT:** Lynda Farrar, Martin Hanson, Dale Paczkowski  
Nancy Sobczak

**STAFF PRESENT:** Wayne Austin, Mary Forseth, Grace Schwingel

**GUESTS:** Duane Hubeler, Department of Commerce  
Jim Hadley, P.E., Northern Environmental  
Philip O'Leary, P.E., UW-Madison, Department of Engineering

**CALL TO ORDER**

Lynda Farrar, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. A quorum of 3 members was present initially. After Nancy Sobczak arrived at 9:15 a.m., a quorum of 4 members was present

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Dale Paczkowski moved, seconded by Martin Hanson, to adopt the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES (11/04/02)**

Amendments to Minutes: correct the spelling of Dale Paczkowski's and Lynda Farrar's names on pages 2 and 5 of the minutes.

**MOTION:** Martin Hanson moved, seconded by Dale Paczkowski, to approve the minutes of November 4, 2002, as amended. Motion carried unanimously

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT, MARY FORSETH, BUREAU DIRECTOR**

Deputy Secretary Greg Horstman gave a report of the information the Department has regarding the transition. The Department is working with Rick Petershack of the transition team to ensure a smooth transition.

**Section Roster**

The Board approved the Section Roster as published.

**2003 Meeting Dates**

The Board approved the 2003 meeting dates as published with one change. The Screening on 2/6/03 will need to be changed to Tuesday, February 4, 2003 to accommodate board members' schedules.

### **To-Do List**

The Board reviewed the “To-Do List”; all items were completed. Board members expressed their concern that their names, e-mail addresses, etc., are listed on the NCEES website. Mary Forseth will contact NCEES to request removal of this information.

Board members experienced difficulty in opening the licensing qualifications flowchart on the Department’s website. They either could not open it or they got a message indicating that the site contained a virus that would disable their software virus package. Mary Forseth will check with the IT Director for clarification.

### **Regulatory Digest**

Noted

### **Summary Reports on Pending Court Cases, Disciplinary Cases, Administrative Rules, and Press Releases**

Noted

### **Campus Meeting Discussion, Phil O’Leary, Ph.D., UW**

Philip O’Leary, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Engineering at UW-Madison, spoke with the Section about the Fundamentals Test and continuing education courses being offered at the University. Philip O’Leary invited the Board to have its next board meeting on campus as a way of bringing together some of the various components of the engineering community. O’Leary would like to give the Board a tour of the Engineering campus and introduce Board members to the faculty and engineering students. The Board agreed that it would be a valuable experience for all involved and accepted the invitation to initiate a dialogue between student leaders, faculty and the regulating body of the profession. The Board welcomed this opportunity to listen to questions or concerns faculty members or engineering students may have regarding the engineering exam or the process an individual goes through to become registered or licensed in the state of Wisconsin. Philip O’Leary will make arrangements for the Board to hold its next meeting on Friday, March 7, 2003 at the College of Engineering complex on campus.

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

### **Continuing Education**

Mary Forseth gave a status report indicating she had submitted the legislative requests to be drafted.

### **Experience Requirements for Licensure and Eliminate Option for Exam Review**

Noted

## **ADMINISTRATIVE RULES UPDATE**

### **Scope Statement re: Standards and Rules Testing**

The status of the Standards and Rules Testing rules will be discussed further at the Section’s next meeting. The Board requested that at its next board meeting it review the process for license by comity and how that process may be streamlined. Mary Forseth will ask Jan Bobholz to talk to the Board about this issue.

### **Scope Statement re: Increased Sanctions for Cheating on Exams**

This topic will be discussed further at a future meeting.

### **Scope Statement re: Increased Sanctions for Cheating on Exams**

Noted

**Comm. 10 Hazardous Substance Revisions, 10:30 a.m., Duane Hubeler and Greg Bareta,  
Department of Commerce**

Duane Hubeler, an engineer with the Department of Commerce in the Administrative Services Division introduced himself and discussed the comprehensive rewrite of their Department's Chapter Comm.10 Administrative Code. Duane Hubeler drafts Administrative Code primarily for the Safety & Buildings Division and the Division of Environmental and Regulatory Services with the PECFA program.

Jim Hadley, PE from Northern Environmental, a consulting firm in Green Bay, WI is working on a sub-committee for the Comm. 10 Revision Committee, looking into the changes relating to having Comm. 10 regulate hazardous substances and investigating the requirements for designing storage systems to contain hazardous substances. Jim Hadley explained the scope of the Sub-Committee and the basis for the rules.

The level of oversight the Department of Commerce is proposing is that, in lieu of the plan review and inspection and on-going consulting process it has been involved in, it would require that these new systems be designed by a PE or design specialist and perhaps installed under the supervision of a competent design specialist. The Board would be looking for guidance in establishing education and experience criteria to determine an individual's competence in these areas. The Board would need to know whether a test is available to measure the appropriate level of competency for this specialty and the appropriate level of regulation to ensure the public's safety.

Legal Counsel, Wayne Austin and the Board answered questions that were presented.

**EXAMINATION ISSUES**

**Results of Review of Questions Challenged from the April 2002 Exam, Darwin Tichenor**

The Section reviewed the questions that had been challenged in the April 2002 exam. This matter will be deliberated on in closed session.

**Report on NCEES Exams, Darwin Tichenor**

Darwin Tichenor reported on the NCEES Exams. The Section reviewed an exam loss issue which NCEES determined had not compromised the integrity of the exam. The Section expects to have an official letter from NCEES at its next meeting in March 2003 and to discuss options for exam vendors.

**REGISTRATION ISSUES**

**MSOE Technology Degree/ABET Approval, Jan Bobholz**

Jan Bobholz indicated that MSOE School is an ABET-approved school for a 4-year engineering degree and a 4-year technology degree.

**MOTION:** Martin Hanson moved, seconded by Nancy Sobczak, to accept the Milwaukee School of Engineering TAC/ABET approved engineering technical degree as valid for 3 years towards the 4-year degree requirement for applicants applying for licensure under Ch. A-E 4.05(4), Wis.Admin.Code. Applicants must demonstrate a minimum of 9 years of qualified engineering experience (instead of 8 years) with at least 6 months experience in Wisconsin. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRACTICE ISSUES**

Noted

## **NCEES**

The Section questioned the \$5,000 NCEES state membership fee the Department pays. Mary Forseth recommended that a board designee attend the NCEES annual meeting and voice the Wisconsin Board's concerns about NCEES fees, cost of conferences, etc.

### **MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:** Nancy Sobczak moved, seconded by Dale Paczkowski, to convene to closed session to deliberate on cases following hearing (s. 19.85(1)(a), Stats.; to consider licensure or discipline (s. 19.85(1)(b), Stats.; to consider reinstatement requests and individual histories or disciplinary data (s. 19.85(1)(f), Stats.; and, to consider an education evaluation and to confer with legal counsel (s. 19.85(1)(g), Stats. Motion carried by role call vote: Lynda Farrar-yes, Martin Hanson-yes, Dale Paczkowski-yes, Nancy Sobczak-yes.

### **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

### **VOTE ON ITEMS CONSIDERED OR DELIBERATED UPON IN CLOSED SESSION**

### **MONITORING REPORT**

None

### **CASE CLOSINGS AND CASE STATUS REPORT**

None

### **CLASS 1 HEARING**

#### **STEVEN JAMES BRUCE**

**MOTION:** Nancy Sobczak moved, seconded by Martin Hanson, to approve Steven James Bruce to take the Principles & Practice of Engineering examination. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **DR. MICHAEL T. JOHNSON**

**MOTION:** Nancy Sobczak moved, seconded by Dale Paczkowski, to approve Dr. Michael T. Johnson for licensure as a professional engineer in Wisconsin. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **SAAD ALLOS**

**MOTION:** Nancy Sobczak moved, seconded by Martin Hanson, to approve Saad Allos for licensure as a professional engineer in Wisconsin. Motion carried unanimously.

### **DELIBERATION ON PROPOSED DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS THAT MAY BE SIGNED AFTER THE PRINTING OF AGENDA**

None

## **ADMINISTRATIVE WARNINGS, IF ANY**

None

## **REINSTATEMENT REQUESTS**

### **TOM L. BAUWENS**

**MOTION:** Nancy Sobczak moved, seconded by Dale Paczkowski, to reinstate the P.E. license of Tom L. Bauwens. Lynda Farrar voted no. Motion carried.

### **TIMOTHY S. PETTIBONE**

**MOTION:** Martin Hanson moved, seconded by Dale Paczkowski, to reinstate the P.E. license of Timothy S. Pettibone, Lynda Farrar voted no. Motion carried.

### **JOHN TORKE**

**MOTION:** Martin Hanson moved, seconded by Nancy Sobczak, to reinstate the P.E. license of John Torke. Lynda Farrar voted no. Motion carried.

## **REQUEST FOR EDUCATION EVALUATION**

### **IBRAHIM AL-KHATTAT**

**MOTION:** Nancy Sobczak moved, seconded by Martin Hanson, that Jan Bobholz write a letter for Mary Forseth's signature to Ibrahim Al-Khattat informing him that "the Washington Accord states: "However, the various registration or licensing bodies are not bound by these recommendations. In the U.S. the State Boards of Registration are charged with protecting the health, safety and welfare of the public. Thus each state or state board retains full discretion in setting educational, examination and work experience requirements for engineers educated both inside and outside the United States." Ibrahim Al-Khattat will need to follow the procedures and have his education evaluated because it was obtained outside the United States. He needs to supply evidence of an ABET-approved degree or equivalent. Motion carried unanimously.

## **EXAMINATION ISSUES**

**MOTION:** Nancy Sobczak moved, seconded by Martin Hanson, to deny the challenge of candidate 506 000 604 and to accept the NCEES answer. There was no change to the score. Lynda Farrar abstained because she is a public member. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Nancy Sobczak moved, seconded by Martin Hanson, after reviewing the challenges of candidate 106 000 120, one of the 5 questions challenged was approved, subject to final review. The score will be recalculated and the Board will be informed of the results. Lynda Farrar abstained because she is a public member. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Dale Paczkowski moved, seconded by Martin Hanson, that after reviewing the challenges by candidate 106 000 153, 1 question is unresolved, 1 question requires further review. The Board was not able to make a final determination as the final score at this time; the matter is still pending. Darwin Tichenor will contact Martin Hanson after the expert reviews the question and answer being challenged. Lynda Farrar abstained because she is a public member. Motion carried.

## **APPLICATION REVIEW**

### APPLICATIONS REVIEWED ON JANUARY 3, 2003

The Section took the following action on applications.

### FOR REGISTRATION AS A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER

1. By 16 Hour Written Examination
  - a. Granted  
Calderon, Robert
  
2. By Approved Degree Plus 8 Years Experience
  - a. Granted  
Boehm, David  
Braverman, Tatyana  
Dake, Timothy  
Domblesky, Joseph  
Hassler, Jason  
Hunt, Douglas  
Johnson, Kirk  
Kelm, Ralf R  
Kilps, Jason  
McChesney, Cleven  
Pfaff, Troy  
Symicek, Alan R  
Thenganakunnel, Babu  
Wacker, James P

FOR PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF ENGINEERING EXAMINATION

- a.     Granted  
        Baig, Mirza G  
        Bain, Philip J  
        Bischoff, Joseph C  
        Brusoe, Jacqueline M  
        Endres, Robert C  
        Harris, Andrew J  
        Hengge, Fritz T  
        Krier, Aaron P  
        Livas, Peter G  
        Memon, Saud A  
        Meyer, Chirs D  
        Nemmers, Troy G  
        Parker, Derek M  
        Schneider, Robert S  
        Shavers, Errol W  
        Springhetti, Joseph J  
        Twibell, Craig Alan  
        Workman, Craig C
  
- b.     Deny  
        Elshair, Hatem M

FOR REGISTRATION AS AN ENGINEER- IN- TRAINING

- a.     Berktnan, Tugrul  
        Sonar, Sagar

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The Board agreed to keep the current officers for 2003.

**MOTION:**     Nancy Sobczak moved, seconded by Dale Paczkowski, to re-elect Lynda Farrar as Chair, Nancy Sobczak as Vice Chair, and Martin Hanson as Secretary.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**SUCH OTHER ITEMS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:**     Nancy Sobczak moved, seconded by Dale Paczkowski, to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

**Next Meeting:   Friday, March 7, 2003 (on campus)**